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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
RULE 1.53(b)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. PCT/JP99/00363, filed January 28, 1999,

For (Title): EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Kenji NISHI

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:

a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)

b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	56 - 20	= *36
INDEP CLAIMS	6 - 3	= *3
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

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RATE	FEES
	\$ 345
x 9 =	\$
x 39 =	\$
+130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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OR		\$ 690
OR	x 18	\$648
OR	x 78	\$234
OR	+260	\$-----
OR	TOTAL	\$1572

3. Check No. 110655 in the amount of \$1,572.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

4. Cancel claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of Application No. _____ filed _____, which in turn is a _____. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. Formal drawings (Fig(s).1-26) are attached.

7. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-017222 filed January 29, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).

The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application is filed herewith.

8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.

9. An Assignment of the inventors to NIKON CORPORATION is attached.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

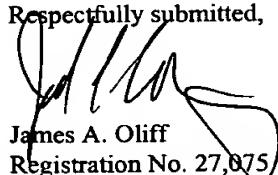
13. Small entity status:
 a. A small entity statement is attached.
 b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

14. Other: _____

15. The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, and/or Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463.
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